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SUBJECT: MBFR: TRILATERAL ON DATA AND FORCE
DEFINITIONS

1. FOREIGN OFFICE MBFR DEPUTY OFFICE DIRECTOR GESCHER ADVISED US ON MAY 5 THAT THE BRITISH HAD AGREED TO THE CONVENING OF A TRILATERAL TO DISCUSS DATA, FORCE DEFINITIONS, AND OTHER SUBJECTS OF GENERAL INTEREST. THIS WAS REPORTED TO BONN FOLLOWING A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH WOOD. THE BRITISH WERE ALSO AGREEABLE TO A DATE IN MID JUNE, BELIEVING THE TRILATERAL SHOULD BE HELD BY THAT TIME GIVEN ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE NINTH ROUND. THE BRITISH ALSO CONCURRED THAT VIENNA DELEGATION HEADS SHOULD PARTICIPATE, BUT THEY WONDERED WHETHER IT WOULD BE WISE FOR OUR RESPECTIVE AMBASSADORS TO BE ABSENT FROM VIENNA AT THE SAME TIME.

2. GESCHER REPORTED THAT THE BRITISH WOULD BE AGREEABLE
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TO MEETING IN EITHER LONDON, WASHINGTON, BRUSSELS OR

BONN. REGARDING VENUE, GESCHER AGAIN MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING THE TRILATERAL IN THE FRG BUT OUTSIDE OF BONN. HE SAID AMBASSADOR ROTH WAS ENAMORED OF SUCH A POSSIBILITY, SINCE THERE WERE ALWAYS TOO MANY INTERRUPTIONS IN THE CAPITAL.

3. GESCHER SAID THAT THE FRG DELEGATION TO THE TRI-LATERAL WOULD CONSIST OF DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH, AMBASSADOR BEHREND, COL. SCHMIDTBAUER AND RUTH.

4. GESCHER ADVISED US THAT THE FRG WAS STILL PLANNING TO PREPARE A WORKING PAPER AS A DISCUSSION VEHICLE FOR THE TRILATERAL. HE SAID THE FRG WOULD WELCOME PREPARATION OF US AND UK WORKING PAPERS TOO.

5. IN CONCLUDING THE CONVERSATION, GESCHER ASKED US FOR US IDEAS ON THE TIMING AND VENUE FOR THE TRILATERAL.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: RESPONSE TO GESCHER'S QUESTION ON TIMING AND VENUE.
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